

Updating Our Septic System Policy

Petaluma Community Meeting
September 26, 2018





Welcome & Meeting Goals

Public Discourse that is:

Civil

Fact-based

Solutions-oriented

Gather community feedback to help
drive development of policy

Update County's Onsite Wastewater
Treatment Systems (OWTS) policy

Agenda

Regulatory Background

Proposed Changes to County Policy

Regional Water Board Update

Q&A

Share your feedback





Regulatory Background

1999: State Assembly Bill 885 –
statewide standards for OWTS

2013 (June): State Water Resources
Control Board adopts their OWTS policy

2016 (June): Counties required to submit Local
Agency Management Program

2018 (June): Counties required to have
approved program

Coming soon: Regional Water Board's Total
Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program



Proposed Changes

Contractors/Designers

Voluntary Repairs & Emergency Repairs

Increased Groundwater Options





Proposed Changes

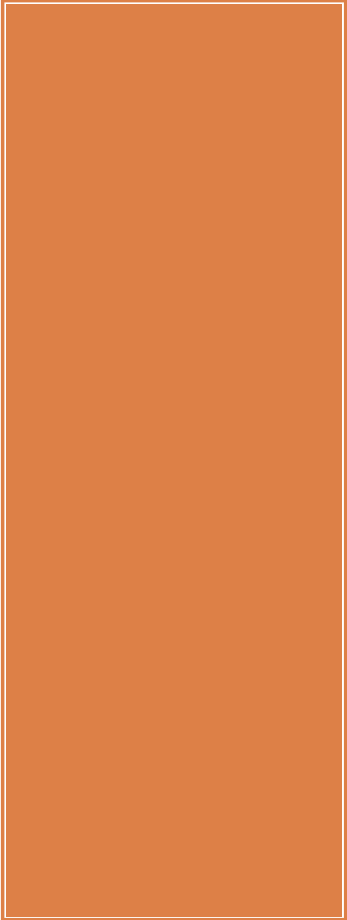
Water Re-Use/Gray Water

Experimental & Alternative systems

Building Permit Thresholds



Proposed Changes



Building
Permits
Threshold

Next Steps

More community meetings

Monte Rio, September 29, at 1 pm.

Healdsburg, October 10, at 6 pm.

Sonoma Valley, October 15, at 6 pm.

Guerneville, October 17, at 6 pm.

November Board of Supervisor's meeting

Submit to Regional Water Board

LAMP & Revised OWTS Manual

Regional Water Board

Petaluma TMDL

TMDL Goal -- OWTS within 100 feet of the Petaluma River and its tributaries are properly functioning

The TMDL Schedule -- public draft to be released November/December 2018

Feedback

Fill out a paper feedback form

Submit online feedback form

www.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Permit/Septic-Policy-Update

Write your feedback on the large sheets of paper

Questions?

